

## REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action. The present amendment is intended to be fully responsive to the Official Action and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application are hereby respectfully requested.

The Official Action comprises a restriction requirement. Applicant hereby elects Group III, comprising claims 44 - 50, without traverse. The non-elected claims 1 - 43 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in the context of one or more divisional applications.

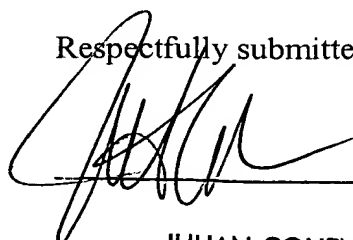
The specification has been amended to correct errors which are typographic in nature.

Original filed claim 45, which depended from non-elected claim 1, has been cancelled. New claim 51, which corresponds to originally filed claim 45 rewritten in independent form, has been added.

New claims 52 - 66 have been added. New claims 52 - 66 depend directly or indirectly from new claim 51, and add additional patentable subject matter. New claims 52 - 66 correspond, respectively, to originally filed claims 2 - 13, 19, 21, and 23.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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